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Dear Sir.

This Appeal Brief is submitted, in triplicate, in the above-identified application in response to the final Office Action mailed April 06, 2004 and in response to the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed 17 November 2004, in which a one month period for response was provided. Accordingly, Appellant's Substitute Appeal Brief is timely filed, with no extension of time.

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In the event issues remain in the prosecution of this application, Appellants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite consideration and/or allowance of the application. Should a Petition for Extension of Time be necessary for the present Appeal Brief to be timely filed (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary) petition therefor is hereby made and, if any additional fees are required for the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. AVERP3012US.

Respectfully submitted,

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